



John Utterback,
State Purchasing Director

Congratulations John Utterback for being named to the NASPO Board of Directors!

The National Association of State Procurement Officials is a non-profit association dedicated to strengthening the procurement community through education, research, and communication. It is made up of the directors from the central purchasing offices in each of the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the territories of the United States. John has been responsible for directing public procurement operations for over 27 years. We are proud to have him lead our team and represent Colorado at the national level!

Staff Assignments: Christine Oberman will be taking on ARRA procurement coordination duties and Tom Spiker will be the lead for the Colorado E-procurement project. Thank you Chris and Tom!

Procurement Card Program Update ~

John Utterback and Jana Sealy have started meeting with agencies to review individual program challenges, accomplishments and areas for growth. Coordination efforts with the Office of the State Controller are also moving forward to update state policies regarding split purchases and price agreements requirements.

!! MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!

The next PAC Meeting is scheduled for
October 23, 2009 to be held at the
Ben Nighthorse Campbell Building.

To register go to:

<http://www.colorado.gov/dpa/surveys/spo-pac.htm>

Hope to see you there

Solicitations for New Price Agreements in progress:

- ✘ WSCA – Auto Parts
- ✘ WSCA - Office Supplies
- ✘ 2010 or Newer Model Year Fleet Vehicles
- ✘ Laundry and Ware wash products

Mandatory State Price Agreements

Over sixty percent of the Colorado State Price Agreements are now mandatory for the state delegated agencies and institutions. This represents a large increase over the past two years and is in keeping with Governor Ritter's GEMS Procurement Reform initiative. Our objective is to deliver State price agreements that meet the majority of needs for all agencies and institutions and through the leverage of statewide buying power bring deeper discounts for the products and services we buy. If you believe a particular mandatory price agreement does not meet your needs you may request a waiver. Start by discussing your issues with the State Purchasing agent responsible for that particular price agreement, they will work your waiver request and forward to me with their recommendations. I am the only approver for State Price Agreement waivers. Reference R-24-102-202-01.

~ John Utterback, SPO Director

On Thursday, September 17, 2009, the State Purchasing Office along with the State Architect's Office participated in the 6th Annual Rocky Mountain Governmental Purchasing Association (RMGPA) Reverse Vendor Trade Show, in Greeley. Staff included: Dana Stansbury, Contract Administrator; Jeff Wylde & Judy Haugh, State Purchasing Agents & John Cisneros Business Development Coordinator.

SPO has not received the final tabulation of participating vendors, however, given the fact that our booth was at times, four deep with vendors. SPO appreciated the opportunity to participate in the successful event

~ John Cisneros